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Top Stories

- California said it will ban chlorpyrifos in six months to two years, citing evidence of serious health impacts in children caused by the pesticide. Hawaii and New York have already moved to ban chlorpyrifos, whose national outdoor use the Environmental Protection Agency decided to allow under former Administrator Scott Pruitt, though the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals recently gave the EPA three months to justify the use of the pesticide on food. ([The Washington Post](#))
- The United States now has over 2 million solar installations that produce enough electricity to power more than 12 million homes, a benchmark reached three years after the 1 million installation milestone, according to the Solar Energy Industries Association and Wood Mackenzie Ltd. Forty-three percent of the second million installations took place in California. ([Reuters](#))
- Walmart Inc. signed 46 power purchase agreements with C2 Energy Capital LLC to source over 40 of the company's stores across five states with as much as 60 percent solar power per facility. Walmart has previously set a target of sourcing half of its power from renewable energy by 2025. ([Bloomberg](#))

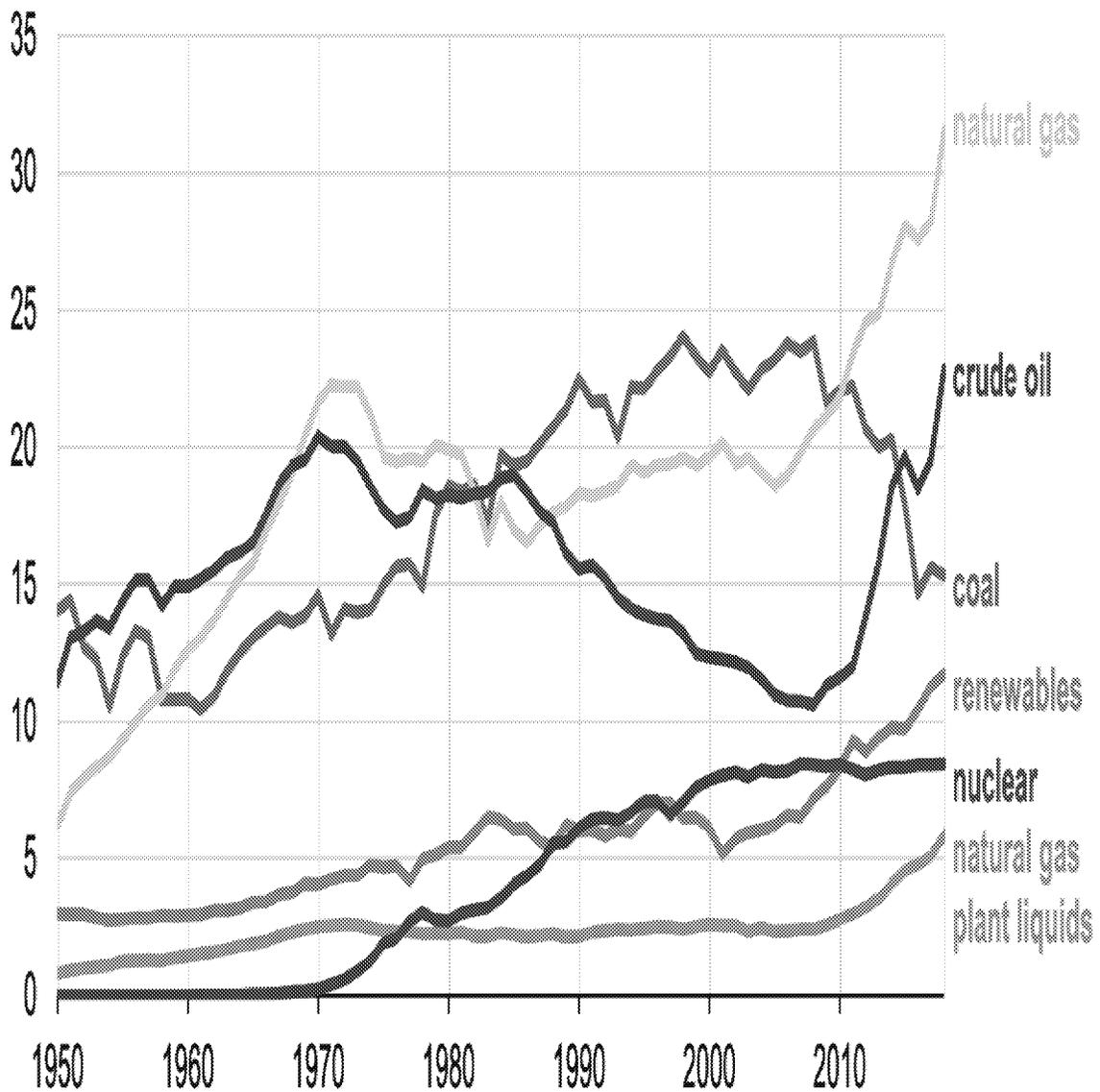
Chart Review

U.S. energy consumption, production, and exports reach record highs in 2018

U.S. Energy Information Administration

U.S. primary energy production by source (1950-2018)

quadrillion British thermal units (quads)



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Monthly Energy Review*

Events Calendar (All Times Local)

05/09/2019

PwC Digital Utilities of the Future 2 Conference

SEIA Oregon Solar Energy Conference

Water Environment Federation Stormwater and Green Infrastructure Symposium

Offshore Technology Conference

NRECA CONNECT Conference

Used Fuel Management Conference

U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's TRAVEL FORWARD Summit 8:00 am

Bipartisan Policy Center Event on Near-Term Policy Opportunities for Carbon Removal with Direct Air Capture 9:30 am

National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands Subcommittee hearing on Wildfire Resilient Communities 10:00 am

Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee Hearing on the Mining Law of 1872 10:00 am

Energy Secretary Rick Perry Testifies at House Energy and Commerce Energy Subcommittee Hearing on the FY20 DOE Budget 10:15 am

05/10/2019

PwC Digital Utilities of the Future 2 Conference

Water Environment Federation Stormwater and Green Infrastructure Symposium

Society of Petroleum Resources Economists' 2019 Petroleum Resources Economics Conference

05/14/2019

Argus Natural Gas Summit - Monetization Strategies

Nuclear Regulatory Commission Briefing on Digital Instrumentation and Control

DNV GL Energy Executive Forum

Greentech Media Solar Summit 2019

CSIS Global Cooling Prize event 2:00 pm

05/15/2019

Defense Strategies Institute Expeditionary Power and Energy Summit

DNV GL Energy Executive Forum

Greentech Media Solar Summit 2019

POLITICO's Reinventing American Energy: Modernizing U.S. Power Infrastructure for a Clean Energy Future 8:00 am

05/16/2019

Defense Strategies Institute Expeditionary Power and Energy Summit

DNV GL Energy Executive Forum

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission open meeting 10:00 am

Bipartisan Policy Center Event: EPA's Role in Building Critical Infrastructure 10:00 am

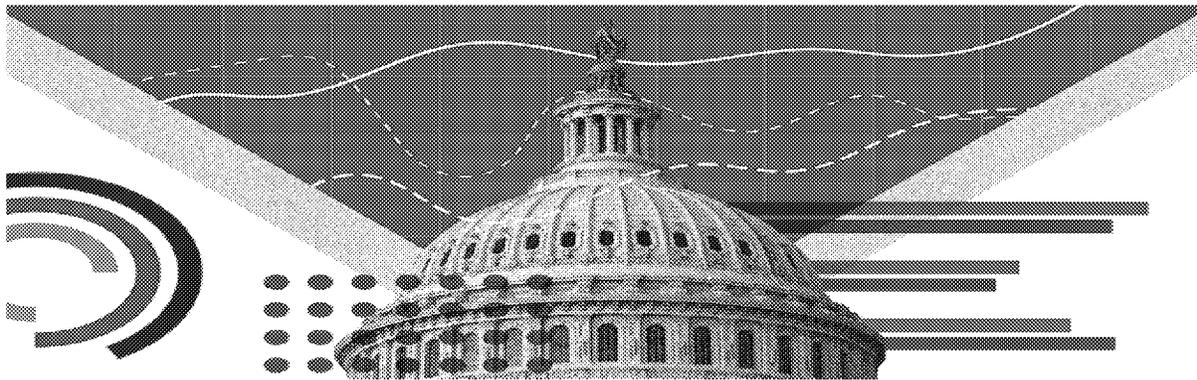
Atlantic Council Event on the Future of Energy Storage 12:00 pm

Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee Hearing Examining the President's Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Proposal for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and U.S. Geological Survey 2:00 pm

U.S. Energy Association Briefing on CCUS Deployment 2:00 pm

Stanford University Environmental Forum with David J. Vogel 3:30 pm

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Morning Consult is also tracking every governor's approval, as well as the 2020 Democratic primary and Donald Trump's approval. [See more.](#)

General

Dems look to bypass EPA with asbestos ban

Rebecca Beitsch, The Hill

In a Wednesday hearing before the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change, Democrats grilled EPA chemical staff on why the agency hasn't taken more restrictive actions on the harmful substance three years after passing a law to give the agency more authority to regulate dangerous chemicals.

McConnell Mulls Making Senate Democrats Vote Again on Climate

Dean Scott, Bloomberg BNA

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) is readying a vote to force senators to indicate whether they back keeping the U.S. in the Paris climate agreement. McConnell's strategy is similar to the one he used in March to force Senate Democrats, including those hoping to win the White House in 2020, to say whether they back the ambitious climate change and green jobs platform known as the Green New Deal.

Bernhardt bucks Zinke on part of reorganization plan

Michael Doyle, E&E News

In a congressional appearance yesterday, Bernhardt largely promoted the reorganization plan initiated by Zinke, but he also admitted concerns about the former Navy SEAL's notion of establishing a "unified regional commander," similar to the military's.

Researchers develop plastic that they are calling the 'Holy Grail' of recycling

Morgan Ostalter, The Hill

Researchers at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory wrote in Nature Chemistry that they had designed new plastic, called polydiketoenamine or PDK, that could be disassembled down to the molecular level and reassembled into different shapes, textures or colors multiple times.

Trump tweets - and Dems pull two bills from floor

Juliegrace Brufke, The Hill

House Democrats pulled two bills from the floor schedule on Wednesday after President Trump tweeted his opposition and encouraged Republicans to vote against one of the measures.

Oil steadies as U.S.-China trade war balances inventory drop
Shadia Nasralla, Reuters

Oil prices steadied on Thursday as an escalating trade battle between the United States and China counteracted upward pressure from a surprise decline in U.S. crude inventories.

Oil and Natural Gas

North Dakota's Triangle Petroleum Files for Bankruptcy
Becky Yerak, The Wall Street Journal

Triangle Petroleum Corp. , which has interests in North Dakota's energy and commercial real-estate markets, filed for bankruptcy Wednesday with a reorganization plan under which bondholder J.P. Morgan Securities LLC will get all of the equity. Triangle's debt consists mostly of a \$2 million secured term loan from JPMorgan Chase Bank NA and \$167 million under a secured bond J.P. Morgan Securities bought from another investor.

New Colorado environmental law stalls oil investment
Laila Kearney and David French, Reuters

New environmental regulations in Colorado have chilled investment in the state's oil and gas fields as companies grapple with how local officials will respond to a law giving them more power to restrict energy production.

Utilities and Infrastructure

Insurance claims from deadly California wildfires top \$12B
Kathleen Ronayne, The Associated Press

The figure released Wednesday by Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara covers the fire that largely destroyed the town of Paradise and two Southern California blazes. It's up about \$600 million from data released in January.

GE Investors Approve Executive Pay, Reject Plan to Appoint Independent Chairman
Thomas Gryta, The Wall Street Journal

At its annual meeting, GE said about 30% of votes that were cast voted against GE's executive-compensation plans and about 27% voted in favor of separating the roles of chairman and chief executive officer.

Republican Bruce Westerman proposes curbing western wildfires through forest management overhaul

Josh Siegel, Washington Examiner

The bill represents a continued push by Republicans backed by the Trump administration who argue poor forest management is contributing to the severity of wildfires in California and other parts of the western United States.

Power and utility bosses positive on M&A despite deal slump: survey

Nina Chestney, Reuters

Global power and utility executives are positive about the prospects for mergers and acquisitions in the year ahead, despite deals falling to their lowest level since 2012 in the first quarter, Ernst & Young (EY) said on Thursday.

Renewables

Bird's newest scooter is for sale - and it comes in rose gold

Sam Dean, Los Angeles Times

Bird Rides Inc. will release Wednesday a new electric scooter model in Los Angeles and Santa Monica that it hopes will outlive its predecessors - and find a market among scooter riders who want to purchase a Bird of their own.

AAA study finds Americans are warming to electric vehicles, but most aren't ready to buy - at least not yet

Paul A. Eisenstein, CNBC

Americans aren't ready to buy electric vehicles and don't think their neighbors are either, according to a new study by AAA. That said, as many as 40 million Americans say they will at least consider a battery-electric vehicle, or BEV, for their next vehicle, the automotive group found.

Berkshire Takes Tax Hit as Victim of 'Ponzi-Type' Solar Scheme

Katherine Chiglinsky and Brian Eckhouse, Bloomberg

The investments were tied to DC Solar, Debbie Bosanek, Buffett's assistant, said Wednesday in response to Bloomberg's questions about the expense. That's the mobile solar generator company that federal authorities have alleged ran a fraudulent scheme involving tax benefits.

Coal

Orlando and Lakeland coal power plant set to retire

Kevin Spear, Orlando Sentinel

An aging coal plant owned by Lakeland and Orlando is slated to be shuttered within five years, furthering the demise of electricity produced from coal-powered generators and heightening attention toward a pair of power plants in Orange County.

Nuclear

Nevada senators, Rick Perry to tour site where plutonium stored

Gary Martin, Las Vegas Review-Journal

Nevada senators and Energy Secretary Rick Perry will tour the Device Assembly Facility at the Nevada National Security Site this week as part of a deal reached to move weapons-grade plutonium out of the state.

Plant Vogtle's Unit 3 hits key milestone

Dave Williams, Atlanta Business Chronicle

Georgia Power Co. has permanently powered up the first of two additional nuclear reactors under construction at Plant Vogtle, the Atlanta-based utility announced.

Climate

Report: Air quality harmed as Texas oil production booms

David Warren, The Associated Press

The Environmental Integrity Project noted in a report released Thursday that the Permian Basin, which extends into New Mexico , is one of the most productive hydrocarbon regions in the world, thanks largely to the advent over the past decade of horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing.

Exxon CEO Sees Laboratory Experiments Unlocking Key to Carbon

Kevin Crowley, Bloomberg

At a time when environmentalists want Exxon to leave more oil and gas in the ground, Woods is pressing an alternative strategy. He wants to explore the "fundamental science" behind climate change for a way to cut carbon emissions without forcing consumers "to give up the use of energy, and give up their standards of living."

Exxon shareholders want action on climate change. The SEC calls it micromanagement.

Steven Mufson, The Washington Post

One of the highest-profile battles is being waged over a proposal that would have urged ExxonMobil to disclose short-, medium- and long-term greenhouse-gas targets "aligned with" reductions established by the Paris climate agreement in 2015 in an effort to limit global warming to two degrees Celsius, if not 1.5 degrees.

Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

Trump wants to negotiate nuclear deals. He should start with the one he already has.

The Editorial Board, The Washington Post

Before Mr. Trump reaches for the moon, he should tackle extension of the 2010 New START accord with Russia limiting strategic nuclear weapons, which expires in February 2021

Climate policy can recreate prosperity of the New Deal

Scott Wallace and Scott Fitzmorris, The Hill

Climate change presents an even more daunting challenge to our society - and time is running out. The last five years have been the hottest five years in recorded history.

[A Clean Electricity Standard's Weaknesses May Be Its Biggest Strengths](#)

Noah Kaufman, Columbia University

Economists like clean electricity standards (CESs) because they are technology neutral and market-based policies. By encouraging all low-carbon electricity sources and enabling trading of "clean energy credits," Senator Smith's proposal encourages the cheapest clean sources of generation to satisfy future demands for electricity without anyone needing to know in advance what those technologies will be.

Research Reports

[Comparing the Benefits and Costs of Notable Climate Policies](#)

Philip Rossetti, American Action Forum

A common contention among advocates of the Green New Deal (GND) is that climate change represents an existential crisis, and the costs of inaction therefore justify extraordinary federal action regardless of the associated costs. This argument, however, is fundamentally flawed given that policymaking requires the strategic application of resources to maximize benefits despite limited resources.



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